[Mr. G. B. E. Truscott.]

(*b*) He submitted the estimate to Government for sanction. But the Government have instructed the Chief Engineer to move for administrative sanction when there is a prospect of finding the necesssary funds for the work.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know when the Chief Engineer submitted the estimate to Government for sanction?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): On 27-7-36.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know the amount of expenditure incurred by Government as per the estimate?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads Buildings and Irrigation*): Rs. 5,650.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether there is any prospect of finding the necessary funds in the near future?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): That is a question of future action.

Kilimanur-Madavoor road.

205. *MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): With reference to the Kilimanur-Madavoor road in the Chirayinkil taluk, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the various items of work contained in the original estimate: and

(*b*) whether there is a bridge to be constructed across the Vazhamon *todu* somewhere near the 4th mile stone?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) A list of the items of works executed as per the sanctioned estimate is placed on the table.

(*b*) There is no necessity for a bridge at present.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know whether the original estimate iucluded an estimate for the construction of the bridge?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I do not think it does.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know what the Chief Engineer means by saying that there is no necessity for the bridge at present?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): There is not enough traffic there at present.

Kallambalam-Karettu road.

206. *MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): With reference to the Kallambalam Karettu road, will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any provision in the budget allotments for this year (1111) for the construction of the bridge across the Koduvazhannoor river?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): No.

**Vide* Appendix VI—page 633 and 634.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

Appendix V.

Vide Answer to Question No 202

(*a*) Total area earmarked for registry to members of the depressed classes in

1108		1109		1110	
A.	C.	A.	C.	A.	C.
15,347	16¾	15,361	92	15,108	9

(*b*) Total area registered to members of the depressed classes in

1108		1109		1110	
A.	C.	A.	C.	A.	C.
207	55	139	2½	80	21½

Appendix VI.

Vide Answer to question No. 205

Items of work executed as per the sanctioned estimate for constructing the village road from Kilimanur to Madavoor into a cart road.

1ST MILE.

1. Earthwork cutting the high ground and widening the roadway on either sides.
2. Earthwork raising embankment in Kilimanoor *yelah* from 4592 to 5280 with an average conveyance of 300'.
3. Opening new side drain in hard soil 2' x ½'
4. Cutting and easing cross drain 1 in 55 gradient to the approaches.
5. Providing R. C. pipe sluice at 4980.
6. Sectioning and forming road to get a clear width of 14'.
7. Gravelling roadway 10' wide and 4" thick spreading and watering and consolidating etc., in embankment portion alone.
8. Constructing an R. C. platform bridge at 4690.

II MILE.

1. Earthwork cutting high ground and widening roadway on either sides.
2. Earthwork raising *yelah* portion from 1450 to 1770, 4280 to 4700, 4995 to 5180 to 4 extra leads.
3. Cutting new side drain 2 x ½.
4. Cutting and easing cross drain.
5. Providing R. C. pipe sluice.
6. Sectioning and forming road to set a clear width of 14'.
7. Gravelling roadway 10' wide and 4" thick spreading watering and consolidating.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

III MILE.

1. Earthwork cutting the high ground and widening roadway.
2. Opening new side drain $2' \times \frac{1}{2}'$
3. Sectioning and forming road to a clear width of 12 feet.

IV MILE

1. Earthwork cutting the high ground and widening the roadway, etc.
2. Earthwork raising embankment in *yelah* portion from 430 to 970 to an average of 300' lead.
3. Opening new side drain.
4. Cutting and easing cross drain.
5 (a) Providing R. C. pipe sluice double line at 450.
   (b) do. do. single line.
6. Sectioning and forming roadway.
7. Gravelling roadway in embankment portion.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

THE TRAVANCORE HINDU WIDOWS' REMARRIAGE BILL.

SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA (*Nominated*) : I rise to introduce the Travancore Hindu Widows' Remarriage Bill. Copies of the Bill, together with a Statement of Objects and Reasons, have been circulated among the members. I beg to move that the Bill be read in the Assembly.

MISS HEPZIBAH GANASIKAMONY (*Nominated*) :I Second it.

SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA (*Nominated*) : I shall now briefly explain the principles underlying the Bill. The object of the Bill, as stated in the Statement of Objects and Reasons, is to remove all legal obstacles against the remarriage of Hindu widows in Travancore. I am emphatically of opinion, Sir, that though in Travancore, the proportion of widows to the total number of females is less than in other parts of India, it is large enough to merit notice. According to the Census Report, there are 119 widows for every 1000 women as against 155 in India. The comparatively low proportion of widows in Travancore, is, no doubt due to the fact that widow remarriage is not prohibited among the bulk of the population in this State. But there *are* several communities among whom early marriage is common and widow remarriage is prohibited. Whether the number of such widows in those communities is small or large, the ban on the remarriage of widows is undoubtedly a source of considerable social evil. In the Statement of Objects and Reasons, I have quoted the views of the Census Commissioner for India. It is with the object of preventing such social evils and bettering, by a purely permissive legislation, the lot of many a young widow, that my Bill is drafted.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly